ACOUSTICS2008/1579 Mesoplodon densirostris transmission beam pattern estimated from passive acoustic bottom mounted hydrophones and a DTag recording

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The transmission beam pattern of a female Mesoplodon densirostris tagged on October 23, 2006 in the Tongue of the Ocean, Bahamas is estimated using data from a Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution DTag and simultaneous recordings from broadband, bottom mounted hydrophones at the Atlantic Undersea Test and Evaluation Center, Andros Island, Bahamas. The bottom mounted hydrophones are used to localize the tagged animal and measure the received level of each click. Pitch, roll and heading from the DTag are used to determine the horizontal and vertical aspect angles relative to the hydrophone. An estimate of the M. densirostris horizontal and vertical transmission beam pattern based on four dives will be presented.